

MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423

REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2016

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Wendy Van Huis, Linda Howell,
Gary Dewey, Ed Stielstra
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Doug Den Bleyker – Fire Chief

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Gary Dewey opened the meeting with prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting. **A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of December 2015. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Stielstra to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE

There will be an election held in March to fill the vacant seat of Representative Gamrat who was expelled by the Legislature. Board members discussed recent action by the Legislature including passing a bill to eliminate straight party voting and passing a bill that will prevent the board from informing the public on ballot issues 60 days prior to an election. Board members expressed dislike to both of these bills.

B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – not present

C. PLANNING COMMISSION – LINDA HOWELL

Linda Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on January 6 and the following items were discussed: The township attorney was directed to draft a resolution and report approving the Copperleaf Development P.U.D. with 26 units. The developer requested 29 units; unanimous vote to maintain the same slate of Planning Commission officers.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – ED STIELSTRA

Ed Stielstra reported that the ZBA did not meet in December.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

Michelle Sall gave a written report on Parks Commission activities in 2015 and plans for 2016.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – CHIEF DOUG DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyer reported the response calls for the month of December were as follows: 38 calls total, 26 calls from Laketown, consisting of 21 rescue and 5 fire, 10 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 3 rescue calls and 7 fire calls. There were 2 assists to other departments,

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL MEETING

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Resolution 2016-01 to set the date for the Annual Township Board Meeting on March 9, 201 at 7:00pm. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Annual Meeting Resolution 2016-01 declaring the meeting to be held on March 9, 2016. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

B. SALARY RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the following salary resolutions

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Trustee Salary Resolution 2016-02 noting that as of April 1, 2016, the salary of the Township Trustees shall be \$3,500.00 each. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to approve the Trustee Salary Resolution 2016-02 setting the salaries at \$3,500.00 each. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Clerk Salary Resolution 2016-03 noting that as of April 1, 2016, the salary of the Township Clerk shall be \$15,000.00. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Clerk Salary Resolution 2016-03 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Treasurer Salary Resolution 2016-04 noting as of April 1, 2016, the salary of the Township Treasurer shall be \$15,000.00. **A motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Howell to approve the Treasurer Salary Resolution 2016-04 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Supervisor Salary Resolution 2016-05 noting as of April 1, 2016, the salary of the Township Supervisor shall be \$15,000.00. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the Supervisor Salary Resolution 2016-05 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.**
UNANIMOUS DECISION - MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED

Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary